

WHAT IS SPILF?

The Stanford Public Interest Law Foundation is a student-run organization that supports and promotes public interest work by funding those who do it. We support Stanford students in service projects, novel public interest initiatives, and post-graduate work, as well as outside organizations that use our grants to do a broad range of work.

WHO IS SPILF?

A student executive board and an outside board consisting of alumni, faculty, and practicing attorneys run SPILF. The Board directs the overall mission of SPILF and oversees fundraising and fund distribution.

THE SPILF MISSION:

The Stanford Public Interest Law Foundation works to innovatively promote and support public interest lawyering during and beyond law school. SPILF believes each Stanford student and alum can and should contribute to the public interest, through pro bono and public interest work. SPILF provides an organization in which students develop and maintain their commitment to public interest lawyering.

WHERE WE GET OUR MONEY:

Hotel Voucher Program

When students can stay with friends or family rather than hotel rooms while interviewing for firm jobs across the country, firms contribute to SPILF some of the money they would have spent on hotel accommodations.

The Bid for Justice Auction

This annual community-wide event brings together students, alumni, faculty, staff, and special guests for an

evening of entertainment and fundraising for the public interest.

The evening is a semi-formal event complete with both silent and live auctions, as well as food, drinks, and entertainment. The proceeds, combined with auction sponsorships and advertising, constitute the bulk of SPILF's revenues.

Past Auction Items:

- Walk-On Role in Hit TV Series 24
- One-Week Stay at Luxury Condo in CO
- Indoor Skydiving with Dean and Professor
- Four Nights at Sea Ranch Vacation Home
- Private Vineyard Tours and Wine Tastings
- Private Flight to Mammoth, CA Serenade by Trio of Professors
- Students vs. Faculty Basketball Game
- JFK Inauguration Program
- Signed Dixie Chicks Guitar
- Lunch & Brainstorming for Slate Column
- Scotch-Tasting with the Dean
- World Series Autographed Baseball
- Cuban Salsa Dance Lessons
- U2 Concert Tickets
- Italian, Mexican & More Cooking Lessons
- Dinners and Outings with Professors iPad 2

WHERE OUR MONEY GOES:

Current Students

One of SPILF's first initiatives was to provide summer funding for Stanford Law students working in public interest jobs. Because Stanford now directly provides these public interest grants, SPILF continues to support current

Stanford students to expand public interest opportunities in other areas. Recently, SPILF has funded the student-run tax preparation pro bono project and student-run public service opportunities such as alternative spring break trips to New Orleans.

Outside Project Grants

A modest portion of our budget supports the broader public interest community through small grants to non-profits doing a broad range of grassroots legal work.

LOOKING FORWARD

SPILF continually explores other ways in which we can support public interest work and the people who do it. We thus reserve a portion of our budget to fund projects that come up mid-year and longer-term initiatives where we see a need.

PAST SPILF OUTSIDE PROJECT GRANT

RECIPIENTS

East Palo Alto Youth Court

To support and expand a juvenile court diversion and mentoring program that helps youth stay out of trouble and empowers them to be more involved in the community.

Asylum Access, CA

To establish Legal Aid clinics in Ecuador and Thailand to help enforce and improve refugee rights.

Appalachian Center for the Economy and the Environment, WV

For litigation expenses related to providing pro-bono legal assistance to minders enforcing mine safety issues.

Louisiana Justice Coalition, LA

To expunge misdemeanor/felony arrests and convictions from the records of indigent clients in Orleans Parish as part of a collaborative service with New Orleans Public Defenders.

National Center for Youth Law, CA

To support the National Center for Youth Law's litigation, *Clark K. v. Willden*, which seeks to reform Nevada's foster care system.

Transgender Law Center, CA

To assist a statewide effort to address discrimination and barriers to health care access for transgender people through advice and counsel, direct representation, community organizing, employer advocacy, and state-level health advocacy.



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